

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are at issue. Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite.

With respect to the "processing or generation" of data in claim 1, the applicant has amended claim 1 to state "processing and generation" of data. The method is directed to both processing and generation of data, however any specific implementation may just process data or generate data. Since the section the Examiner is concerned about is in the preamble of the claim, the applicants submit that the claim language is not limiting but just explanatory of the steps to follow.

The Examiner suggest in paragraph 4 of the Office Action that steps (a) –(d) of claim one do not "partition" processing responsibilities. The Applicant has amended the preamble so that it no longer discusses "partitioning"

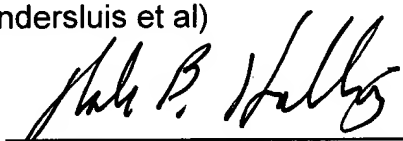
Claims 1-18 should now be allowable.

Prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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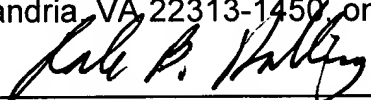
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